

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on February 7, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske (arrived at 7:09 PM), Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor (arrived at 7:08 PM) and Tom Dunn Business Manager.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Appleton, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mushen) Councilor Mataronas abstained: To approve, as written the January 24, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes.

Councilor Mushen asked for a Moment of Silence in Memory of Carlton C. Brownell who has served the Town as a Trustee of the Brownell Library and as Town Historian.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for January 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington,

Mataronas, Mushen): To place file the Police Department Head Reports for November and December 2012.

Councilor Mushen presented a proposed list of Comprehensive Plan Chapter assignments to be tasked to various boards, commissions or individuals in preparation for the 5-year plan review due in May of 2014.

Richard Humphrey, Town Solicitor arrived at 7:08 PM.

Paul J. Golembeske arrived at 7:09 PM.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Council President to task various boards, commissions and individuals with specific chapters of the Town Comprehensive Plan in preparation for the 5-year plan review which will be due May 2014, and to request the reviews be returned within 6 months, this is not to be considered a re-writing of the plan.

Councilor Mushen noted that six (6) more residents have come forward to express an interest in serving on the Charter Review Commission. It was suggested to look at the list of names in chronological order of receipt and appoint the first resident due to the volume received and the fact that there is only one seat left on the Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To appoint Carolyn J. Montgomery to the Charter Review Commission and to notify the remaining applicants that their names will be held on a list for potential future appointment to this commission if an appointee chooses to step down from the board once the level of commitment for review is determined.

Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor recused himself from the vote on a Charter Review Commission appointment.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to write a letter of commendation to be place in the service jacket of Lt. Randall Watt commending him for his recent re-appointment to the Ambulance Service Advisory Board, an appointment made by Governor Lincoln D. Chafee.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept with regret the resignation of Robert Wolter from the Conservation Commission.

Tom Dunn reviewed a list of preliminary budget proposals for accounts under the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Mr. Francisco Silva was in attendance and inquired about the Senior Citizens Busing proposal. Councilor Mushen explained that the Council's intent was to work toward a program that will offer a wider range of transportation services through a partnership with the LC Wellness Center. Negotiations are ongoing. Mr. Silva expressed concerns over services offered at the Wellness Center as compared to services that had been offered for free in the past when the facility was under different management. Valid points were raised as to a potential need to support transportation trips at a higher rate as per an agreement between Fisher Bus Lines and the Town. Councilor Mushen will provide an updated proposal at the February 21, 2013 meeting for the accounts under the jurisdiction of the Council.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant approval to the United Congregational Church to conduct its Annual Summer Fair and Road Race on Saturday, July 13, 2013 and to allow use of Pike's Peak, the south side of the basketball courts, the baseball diamond and 32 Commons in conjunction with the days events, all contingent upon meeting any state and local requirements and notification to the Police and Fire Departments for any coverage that may be necessary.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by

Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adopt the following resolution of support:

In Support of General Assembly Bills

2013 – S0044 and 2013 – H5072 Acts Relating to Elections – Conduct of Elections

Whereas, the purpose of Bills 2013 – S0044 and 2013 – H5072 is to delete the option of single party (master lever) voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections; and

Whereas, voters are confused by the single party voting mechanism; and

Whereas, this confusion was demonstrated in 2012 when voters in 34 Rhode Island communities cast Moderate party single party votes without any Moderate party candidates on the ballot; and

Whereas, single party voting causes confusion on ballots in 16 Rhode Island communities, which have non-partisan School Committee races; and

Whereas, if a voter elects to use single party voting on ballots with a non-partisan race, no votes are cast for the non-partisan School Committee race unless the voter specifically marks the ballot for that

race; and

Whereas, it is well documented that non-partisan School Committee races are under-voted when the single party voting option is used, which disenfranchises both candidates and voters; and

Whereas, a ballot mechanism should never lead to voter confusion, candidate disenfranchisement or most importantly voter disenfranchisement; and the single party vote mechanism has been documented to cause all three, and should be eliminated from the Rhode Island ballot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Little Compton, do hereby respectfully request that the legislative delegation which represents the Town support passage of 2013 – S0044 and 2013 – H5072 which will delete the option of single party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections.

Adopted this 7th day of February, 2013.

Robert L. Mushen, Town Council President

Attest: _____

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Treasurer to pay US Postal Service invoice(s) as presented by the Budget Committee for postage fees related to Budget Committee Report mailings.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the LC Community Center to use town property, contingent upon the towns indemnification form being completed as follows for summer camp programs:

Veterans' Field – 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

July 8 – 12

July 15 – 19

July 22 – 26

July 29 – Aug. 2

Aug. 5 – 9

Aug. 12 – 16

Baseball Field – 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

July 8 – 12

July 15 – 19

July 22 – 26

Tennis Courts – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

July 8 – 12

July 15 – 19

July 22 – 26

July 29 – Aug. 2

Basketball Court – 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

July 22 – 26

Aug. 5 – 9

Aug. 12 – 16

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the LC Community Center to use Veteran's Field and the Tennis Courts on March 30, 2013 from 10 am to 12 pm for the annual Easter Spree, contingent upon the towns indemnification form being completed.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place in the FY2014 Budget Folder a request received from the Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol Counties for civic support.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by

Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place in the FY2014 Budget Folder a request received from the LC Wellness Center for budget funding of \$6,500.

Mr. Graeme Bell submitted a letter through the Council President requesting they take into consideration the factor that grant funds are not used for general operating costs.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$41,666.65

Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$137.10

Zoll Medical Corp. - Fire Dept. \$5,066.36

Boundtree - Fire Dept \$116.48

Firematic Supply - Fire Dept \$83.43

Firematic Supply - Fire Dept \$354.38

Firematic Supply - Fire Dept \$57.04

Comstar - Fire Dept. \$152.38

KTR Maintenance & Supply - Fire Dept. \$17.55

Everlasting Designs - Fire Dept. \$40.00 \$6,024.72

EastBay Newspapers - Probate \$80.00

LC School Dept. - Gym Committee \$425.67

LC School Dept. - Gym Committee \$1,100.24

Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$384.81

Postmaster - Treasurer \$92.00

Nationalgrid - street lights \$27.62

Nationalgrid - street lights town dock \$48.42

Richard S Humphrey - Solicitor \$3,570.00

Franlart Nurseries Inc - Tree Warden \$2,130.00

Cox Communications - Computer \$252.00

Negus - Highway \$318.61

Dave Venancio - Inspector \$870.00

Jon C Ibbotson Excavating - Highway \$13,170.00

Home Depot - Maintenance \$40.58

Cox Communications - Misc. Town Hall Depts. \$265.11

Direct Energy - Street lights town dock \$13.09

Direct Energy - Street lights \$12.42

Petro - Maintenance \$645.04

Petro - Gasoline \$2,711.18

Petro - 32 Commons \$712.21

East Bay Com. Action Program - St. Asst. Counselor \$2,381.10

Andrew Cavanagh - Highway \$320.00

NADA - Assessors \$99.00

WB Mason - Clerk - Treasurer - Fire Dept. \$57.93

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

Postmaster - Building Official \$138.00

ACS - Town Clerk - RI Historical Records Funds \$2,899.75

Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$45.00

Vic's Car Wash - Drug Forfeiture \$9.50

Thomas Wood - Drug Forfeiture \$480.00

RI Police Accreditation Coalition - Drug Forfeiture \$100.00

Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$337.70 \$972.20

Wilbur's General Store - Police Dept. \$6.73

Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$16.46

TMDE Calibration - Police Dept. \$425.00

K.T.R. Maintenance - Police Dept. \$35.10 \$483.29

Verizon Wireless - Transfer Station \$30.15

Verizon Wireless - Highway \$63.13

Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$63.14

Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$579.76

Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$67.10

Salva & Sons - Cell Tower \$23.38

William L. Moore - Inspections \$480.00

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk